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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
CONCLUDED OCTOBER 23 WITH ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
AND CONCLUSIONS PREPARED BY DRAFTING COMMITTEE
(US AND UK). (COPIES BEING POUCHED TO INFO ADDRESSEES.)
MOST SIGNIFICANT RECOMMENDATIONS, RELATING TO TERMINATION
OF TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

22. THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED CAREFULLY
THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REQUEST IN HIS STATEMENT OF
15 OCTOBER 1974 THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD RECOMMEND TO
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ACTION TO TERMINATE THE
TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ANTICIPATION
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S INDEPENDENCE. THE COUNCIL NOTES
THAT, IN RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR AN OFFICIAL AND FORMAL
OPINION FROM THE LEGAL COUNSEL; THE LATTER STATED THAT
THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE,
WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRACTICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
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GENERAL.

23. ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION AGREES THAT ON THE DATE ON WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA SHALL BECOME INDEPENDENT THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA, APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 13 DECEMBER 1946, SHALL CEASE TO BE IN FORCE. THE COUNCIL ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE DATE ON WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA WOULD ACCEDE TO INDEPENDENCE AND ON WHICH THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WOULD CEASE TO BE IN FORCE. UNQUOTE.

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